

Libel Suit Follows Garrison Probe

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Edgar Eugene Bradley has filed a \$1.5 million libel suit against individuals and news media he says were responsible for New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's assertion he helped plot the death of President John F. Kennedy.

Bradley, 50, of North Hollywood, won a court battle last Nov. 8 against being extradited to Louisiana to testify at Garrison's investigation hearings.

Among defendants named in the suit yesterday was Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," a book critical of the Warren Commission Report on the death of the president.

At a hearing in Sacramento last year, Gov. Ronald Reagan ruled there was insufficient evidence to extradite Bradley. The Warren Report concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, alone, killed Kennedy.

Bradley seeks \$1 million in general damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages. He says his long legal battle to avoid extradition cost him much money and said the statements made about him caused him "great anxiety and pain of mind."

He asserted that news media statements led to Garrison's extradition efforts. Bradley said the defendants falsely stated he was in Dallas on or about Nov. 22, 1963, the assassination location and date.

The suit also names Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. and its radio and television station in San Francisco; a group called The Assassination Inquiry Committee and members Dr. A. George Abbott, Prescott Nichols, Dr. Stephen Pauley and Jon Olson; the Los Angeles Free Press and editor-publisher Arthur Kunkin, and the New York Free Press and copublishers Jack Banning and Kurt Brussel.

Also named were Jay Singer, identified as a reporter for the New York Free Press, a man identified only as Wesley Brice, and 50 John Does.